



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 249 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 5, 2026, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.4 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three-weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 193 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 5, 2026, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2026 through September 5, 2026 for the United States were 6.87 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2026

State	Week ending					
	August 1, 2026	August 8, 2026	August 15, 2026	August 22, 2026	August 29, 2026	September 5, 2026
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	35,040	34,554	34,010	34,946	34,735	34,511
Arkansas	25,802	25,864	25,988	26,129	26,180	25,777
Delaware	5,587	5,586	5,869	5,686	5,786	5,864
Georgia	35,951	35,544	35,820	35,330	34,830	35,647
Kentucky	7,852	7,785	7,726	7,796	7,764	7,731
Maryland	8,797	8,791	8,815	8,799	8,644	8,719
Mississippi	19,667	19,758	18,978	19,355	18,448	18,240
Missouri	9,041	9,009	9,010	8,676	9,038	9,010
North Carolina	25,923	25,785	25,620	25,735	25,833	25,422
Oklahoma	5,704	5,710	5,714	5,844	5,649	5,652
Pennsylvania	9,443	9,473	9,330	9,495	9,401	9,429
South Carolina	6,247	6,234	6,175	6,223	6,355	6,028
Texas	19,034	18,642	17,767	19,007	18,879	18,543
Virginia	5,268	5,521	5,718	5,786	5,724	5,424
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	15,709	15,766	15,633	15,611	15,942	15,828
Other States	17,369	16,848	17,261	17,265	17,417	17,128
United States	252,434	250,870	249,434	251,683	250,625	248,953

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2026

State	Week ending					
	August 1, 2026	August 8, 2026	August 15, 2026	August 22, 2026	August 29, 2026	September 5, 2026
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,468	24,246	23,908	23,736	24,759	23,108
Arkansas	21,899	22,409	21,965	20,340	21,760	22,400
Delaware	5,649	5,578	6,456	6,506	6,064	5,320
Georgia	28,605	27,304	28,130	28,910	27,082	28,541
Kentucky	5,910	5,819	5,785	5,629	5,881	5,925
Maryland	5,918	6,373	5,526	5,554	6,295	6,865
Mississippi	15,406	15,609	15,397	15,449	15,595	14,834
Missouri	5,640	5,588	6,033	5,997	6,295	5,394
North Carolina	21,102	21,097	20,433	20,683	20,465	20,348
Oklahoma	3,660	3,572	3,740	4,628	2,996	3,463
Pennsylvania	5,302	5,361	5,462	5,415	5,418	5,288
South Carolina	4,437	4,954	5,885	5,195	5,471	5,492
Texas	14,759	14,742	14,420	14,460	14,328	13,539
Virginia	5,050	4,929	5,737	5,247	4,855	5,310
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,969	14,036	13,330	13,035	12,918	13,632
Other States	13,801	14,167	14,177	14,204	14,065	13,983
United States	194,575	195,784	196,384	194,988	194,247	193,442

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS regional field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS regional field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

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